GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1542
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NORMS FOR MINERAL WATER
Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of mineral water produced and sold in the country, during the last three years, State-wise and Brand-wise;

(b) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards has laid down specification for the quality of mineral water;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the permissible limits for pesticide contents in mineral water;

(d) whether these norms conform to the European Standards;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken to bring them in line with the European Standards?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : BIS has granted 7 licences to the manufacturers of Packaged Natural Mineral Water. State-wise and Brand wise details of the Natural Mineral Water produced during the last three years is given in Appendix.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. Bureau of Indian Standards has laid down the specifications for quality of Packaged Natural Mineral Water as per IS:13428 which also specifies limits for pesticide contents therein as 'below detectable limits'.

(d) : Yes, Sir.

(e) & (f): Do not arise.